



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

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Appl. No. 10/716,453

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Filed: November 20, 2003

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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING R-(-)-CARNITINE FROM S-(-)-CHLOROSUCCINIC  
ACID OR FROM A DERIVATIVE THEREOF

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June 27, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.312(a), applicants hereby submit an Amendment supplemental to  
the Amendment filed on May 2, 2005:

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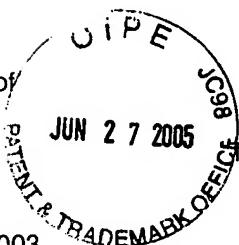
**RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116  
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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	1	minus highest number	
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0 x \$50.00
			\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment	1	minus highest number	
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Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s)			
		One Month Extension	\$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251)
		Two Month Extensions	\$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252)
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		Four Month Extensions	\$1590.00 (1254)/\$795.00 (2254) \$ 900.00

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add			
			\$130.00 (1814) / \$65.00 (2814) \$

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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